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INTRODUCTION

The last Inspector General survey of the functions performed by the Office of Medical Services (OMS) was conducted in 1955. The present inspection undertaken by a two-man team from the Inspection Staff commenced October 1967 and was completed June 1968.

It is the purpose of this survey to assess the adequacy of the services rendered by OMS and the efficiency with which the office is operated. To this end the responsibilities, functions, organization, management and intra-agency relationships of OMS have been reviewed in detail. This being a layman's report, no evaluation of the competence of the professional personnel of the office is attempted.

The inspection team interviewed almost all of the staff employees assigned to the headquarters components of OMS, some of the contract doctors, and those medical personnel who returned from overseas assignments during the inspection. They also talked with many senior employees in other Agency components and interviewed an official of the U. S. Public Health Service.

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